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Amalia Kussner Miniatures Now At St. Mary's

Currently on display in the new Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College library is a collection of miniature portraits by the late Terre Haute artist, Amalia Kussner. At the age of 6, in 1872, Amalia Kussner, was the youngest student ever to enroll at Saint Mary - of - the - Woods Academy, and it was here she received her first art lessons. She went on to achieve world-wide fame as a "miniaturist," and painted many of New York society's "400" in addition to European royalty and South African "diamond King" Cecil Rhodes.

She was commissioned to paint a miniature of the Prince of Wales, later to become King Edward VII. A diamond brooch which the prince gave her upon completion of the painting, is among the items included in the collection. The brooch was presented to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College sometime ago. Other items on display are on loan to the college through the generosity of the Weinhardts of Terre Haute and Indianapolis, direct descendents of Amalia Kussner.

The public is cordially invited to visit the library and the exhibit anytime during regular library hours. Tours may be arranged by contacting the college D-2181, Extension 225.